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6	Title: "Methods and Systems for Creating Skins"	

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

7 As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

8 I am an inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent  
 9 is sought on the invention entitled "Methods and Systems for Creating Skins", as  
 10 identified above.

11 The invention was conceived in the United States prior to April 7, 2000, the  
 12 effective date of the U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0099713 A1 to  
 13 Fernandez et al., (hereinafter "Fernandez").

14 Attached to this declaration are excerpts from an invention disclosure  
 15 document that was prepared and describes the subject matter of the above-identified  
 16 patent application. The invention disclosure indicates that the subject matter covered  
 17 in the application was disclosed to various OEM's prior to the April 7, 2000  
 18 effective date of Fernandez.

19 Additionally, the invention disclosure document indicates that the subject  
 20 matter of the present application was released in Windows Media Play 7 on  
 21 7/16/2000 – three months after Fernandez' effective date.

22 All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all  
 23 statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that

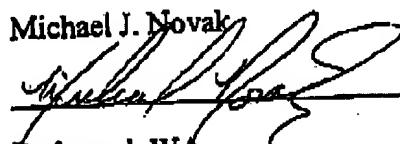
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2 like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of  
3 Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statement may  
4 jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.

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## Microsoft Patent Predisclosure Document

**Title of Invention:** Method for defining interactive user interfaces with XML and Scripting

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### Prior Disclosure

*(Has there been any disclosure of the invention outside of Microsoft? If so, please identify the party (or parties) to whom disclosed, as well as the date and circumstances under which the disclosure was made (signed/unsigned non-disclosure agreement, etc.). Disclosure may include such things as an offer for sale, a demonstration, or a publication describing a novel aspect of the invention.)*

The first public disclosure was [REDACTED] approximately 300 people from various OEM's. We have since released Windows Media Player 7 on 7/16/2000.

### Introduction

*(Please provide a high level description of the invention, including the names of the people who contributed to the invention.)*

This technology provides Windows Media Player the ability to create a dynamic user-interface. These user-interfaces can be created by users, content providers, or record labels to brand or customize the user-experience for their media playback.

This technology uses XML to define the user interface and Scripting to interact with that interface.

People contributing to the design of this technology were Michael Novak, David Nadalin, Kip Olson, Kevin Larkin, and Frank Sanborn.

This technology is a core technology for the Windows Media client platform.